

Connectors - Exercises

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with a suitable **connector of contrast**. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. I won't forgive you in spite of / despite your apology.
2. They haven't found a house to buy they have looked at quite a few.
3. Joe knew the risks, he decided to travel alone.
4. her hard work, Mandy didn't get a bonus.
5. The speed limit on the motorway is 120 kph;, people often drive faster than that.
6. her skiing accident last year, Diana is going skiing again this year.
7. he had planned the project very carefully, he had several problems along the way.
8. My sister doesn't have a job she's a very talented person.
9. Some pupils don't mind taking tests, others get quite nervous.
10. It's wonderful to have my grandparents spend the summer with us
..... it's a bit uncomfortable because our flat is quite small.
11. She must have a very interesting job as a travel agent."
"....., she says it's quite routine."

Exercise 2

Complete the following sentences using your own words and ideas.

1. Although , her first interview was successful.
2. Jack often takes his car to work in spite of
3. Even though, everyone likes him.
4. Despite, we have decided to eat out tonight.
5. It was terribly cold at the beach, yet
6. I'm not really hungry. Nevertheless,
7. Our flight will be delayed for half an hour. In spite of that,
8. She's always in a hurry although
9. This ad is excellent. However,
10. Although our financial situation is not very good right now,

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Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with a suitable **connector of reason or purpose**. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. Doctors believe that some new diseases have appeared we take too many antibiotics.
2. Brad decided to travel to Liverpool by train he could read on the way.
3. turn on this machine, press the "power" button.
4. so many pupils failed the test, there will be another test tomorrow.
5. Many roads need repair the unusually heavy rainfall.
6. she has used up all her savings, she'll have to borrow some money from her parents.
7. I've been reading a lot to improve my vocabulary.
8. the heavy traffic in cities, more people have started taking the train.

Exercise 4

Choose the correct answer.

1. Fruits provide us with vitamins,, oranges have lots of vitamin C.
a. Moreover b. for example c. in addition to
2. Some opera singers, Pavarotti and Domingo, are well known even to people who don't like opera.
a. besides b. as well as c. such as
3. Everyone enjoyed the trip Brian, who fell and injured his ankle.
a. except for b. furthermore c. such as
4. being a lawyer, John Grisham is also an author.
a. In addition to b. Such as c. Moreover
5. What other languages do you know English and French?
a. apart from b. for example c. beside
6. It's often quicker to travel by train than by car or bus., it's usually cheaper too.
a. In addition to b. For example c. Besides

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Exercise 5

Choose the correct answer.

1. the spread of the disease, many tourists changed their plans.
a. Despite b. Owing to c. Because
2. Some soap operas, the ones from South America, are popular with English speakers Spanish speakers.
a. owing to, but b. moreover, also c. such as, as well as
3. There are several methods of travel here., you can use public transport.
a. Besides b. Firstly c. Such as
4. We could invite them over tonight., I'd rather not cook tonight.
a. On the other hand b. On the other side c. Besides
5. When you write a composition, you should write down some ideas. is to organise them.
a. firstly, Finally b. first, The next stage c. therefore, Secondly
6. Ben Johnson won a medal at the 1988 Olympics., he was later disqualified using illegal drugs.
7.
a. However, because of b. As , due to c. As a result of, because
8. When you write a formal letter,, write your address on the right. is to write the address of the person you're writing to.
a. Firstly, Finally b. first, The next stage c. therefore, Secondly
9. We're organising a party., we ar buying food and drink for everyone.
a. In addition to b. However c. Furthermore

EXERCISE 6

Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning of the original sentences.

1. Owing to my illness, I cancelled my holiday.
Because
2. In my family, we all have long conversatins on the phone. Consequently, our phone bills are high. (As a result)
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3. Although the jacket was costly, he bought it.

In spite of

4. My brother is very busy at work. My sister is on holiday. (whereas)

.....

5. There is a shopping centre in this town, there are many small shops.

In addition

6. Despite his age – he's 74-, he's very active.

Although

7. Despite the doctor's advice to stop smoking, she hasn't stopped.

Even though

8. I took a cookery course in order to be able to make special dishes. (so that)

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9. There are many methods of communicating nowadays, for example mobile, email, letter, faxes. (such)

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10. Contrary to me, my sister is an excellent swimmer. (whereas)

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EXERCISE 7

Charles Rolls and Frederick Henry Royce, the two men who set up the famous Rolls-Royce car company in 1906, came from different backgrounds. Charles came from a wealthy family, (1 **though, whereas, yet, apart from**) Frederick's family was poor. (2 **Although, Despite, Besides, Since**) the two men didn't know each other as children, they became close friends (3 **however, except for, in addition**) to being business partners.

Like many boys from rich families at that time, Charles went to university. (4 **Because of, consequently, Since**) his love of cars, he decided to study engineering, (5 **despite, apart from, even though, although**) the fact that it was not a popular choice among rich students. They preferred subjects (6 **such as, for example, for instance**) medicine or law.

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Charles had a comfortable life. Frederick, (7 ***on the one hand, nevertheless, on the other hand, besides***), did not. He started working at the age of nine and eventually set up his own engineering company. In the meantime, Charles had taken up motor racing, (8 ***besides, while, despite, but***) couldn't find a British car fast enough to win. He decided to build one. (9 ***In order to, Due to, so that, In order that***) do so, he needed a good engineer. He found Frederick Royce. (10 ***In short, Last but not least, Therefore, As a result***), a new partnership was born.

EXERCISE 8

Complete the text below with the connectors from the box.

To start with	To sum up	In conclusion	Consequently	As a result	However
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Smoking is a controversial issue in many western societies. 0 To start with , we may say that people nowadays consider it a serious health risk. 1, governments invest in large campaigns to convince smokers to give up the habit. 2....., the fact remains that many people continue to smoke in spite of these campaigns. Consequently, smoking remains very costly for the public health care. 3....., all public efforts to stop people smoking have been largely unsuccessful to this day. 4....., we need to find new ways to convince people that smoking is dangerous.